ant world average less than eight cents per capita, for foreign missions.

In Memory of Dr. Dale

Two weeks ago The Outlook gave an account of the death of Dr. Dale and an estimate of his character and work as they appeared to Americans. The English papers have just arrived with the accounts of services held in his memory. Two services were held in his own church in Birmingham, Dr. Guinness Rogers, his friend for fifty years, officiating in the morning and Principal Fairbairn in the evening. The whole city of Birmingham, with its 600,000 population, seemed to be in mourning. The eulogies on the great preacher came from every quarter, bishops and other high officials in the Established Church vying with Nonconformists in the expression of their appreciation of the man and his work. Dr. Rogers said of him: "Congregationalism has lost its noblest son." Principal Fairbairn began his address by saying: "Of all the men it has been my privilege to know, he was, taken all in all, the largest." Dr. John Clifford, the most prominent Baptist minister in England, said: "The ideal chief of our modern Nonconformity has been taken away from us." Dr. Joseph Parker said: "His style was not after the type of the rainbow: it was a gathering of stars. When he prayed, he saw the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven. When his high monotone ceased, men felt that no clarion could do more." Dr. George S. Barrett said: "There was something in Dr. Dale greater than even his great intellectual gifts. As great as Dr. Dale's sermons were, his prayers were still greater." Dr. W. Robertson Nicoll, himself a Presbyterian, closed an eloquent editorial in the "British Weekly" with these words: "God has been good to our Nonconformist churches in these later days, and has given them many wise, gracious, and spiritual leaders, but none of them all has done a greater and more enduring work than 'our Star and true Apostle' that is gone." Memorial services for Dr. Dale were held in various parts of England. Hugh Price Hughes said that there was no man in the universal Church so revered by Methodists as Dr. Dale. Archdeacon Sinclair, of St. Paul's, spoke of him in that cathedral, while Canon Charles Gore, to a crowded congregation in Westminster Abbey, paid a glowing tribute to "the great Birmingham Nonconformist minister, not as a religious teacher only, but also as a great citizen and politician." Canon Gore's eulogy is described as thrillingly eloquent and beautiful. The Bishop of Worcester, speaking of Dr. Dale, declared his work on "The Atonement" to be a masterpiece of English theology; while the Bishop of Coventry said that Dr. Dale had made all Anglican Christendom his debtor. The Rev. Silvester Horne, pastor of Kensington Chapel, said: "It is a question whether in all the generations that lie between us and the Commonwealth there is any name among the sons whom the Independent churches have given to serve Church and State in England more eminent than that of Dr. R. W. Dale." The "Guardian," the leading Church of England paper, devotes a column and a half to a most appreciative estimate of the man and his work. What, for instance, could be better than this from those diametrically opposed to him in ecclesiastical position? "To those who knew Dr. Dale personally there was a great charm in his bigness—there was nothing little about the man; and with his strength there was deep tenderness, large generosity both of thought and judgment, without vanity and without personal ambition. Dr. Dale was one of those men that go to make the grip of men's faith in man stronger and their hold upon God firmer."

Dr. Dale's Last Written Words

It is always interesting to know the last words of a great and good man. Dr. Dale was at work upon a sermon on "Unworldliness" when he was taken away, and the last message of this prophet is quoted by Dr. Fairbairn in an extract from his memorial address which is as follows: "'Unworldliness does not consist in the most rigid and conscientious observance of any external rules of conduct; but in the spirit and temper, and in the habit of living created by the vision of God, by constant fellowship with him, by a personal and vivid experience of the greatness of the Christian Redemption, and the settled purpose to do and to will all that God wills, always, in all things, and at all costs, and, by the power of a great hope, the full assurance that, after our mortal years are spent, there is a larger, fuller, richer, loftier life in—' There it ends—'in'—the ineffable, the unspeakable. Shall we say 'in the bosom of God,' where he now dwells?"

Professor James Orr

Among the most able and eminent theological professors of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland is the Rev. James Orr, D.D., of the department of Church History in the United Presbyterian Divinity Hall in Edinburgh. Professor Orr is now in this country giving a course of lectures in Chicago Seminary. He has had a distinguished career as a scholar, and is already widely known for his contributions to theological thought. The lectures which he delivered on the Kerr Foundation in 1890 and 1891, entitled "The Christian View of God and the World," have had a large sale on both sides of the water. Last year Professor Orr was one of the lecturers at the Summer School of Theology at Oxford, his topic being "Neglected Factors in the Study of Early Church History." His subject in Chicago, where we believe he is to deliver ten lectures, is "Present Phases of German Theology." He is recognized as one of the ablest and most spiritual thinkers that Scotland has produced in recent years, and Chicago Seminary is fortunate in securing him as a lecturer.

Brief Mention

Messrs. Moody and Sankey recently accepted an invitation to spend a day with the missionaries in Chihuahua, Mexico. The services were to be held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, of which the Rev. James D. Eaton is pastor.

The Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, D.D., of Detroit, has been called to the pastorate of the New York Avenue Church in Washington. The church is one of the largest in the city, and Dr. Radcliffe leaves a field of almost equal importance in Detroit.

The "Christian Advocate" announces that its English correspondent in the future will be the Rev. Thomas Bowman Stephenson, of London. Dr. Stephenson is one of the most prominent men in the Wesleyan connection, widely known for his great ability as a preacher and his usefulness as a worker for humanity.

The Fifth International Convention of the Young Women's Christian Association will be held in Pittsburg, Pa., April 18–21. A long list of attractive speakers has been provided, and most of the subjects are timely and suggestive of interest. Delegates will be entertained by the Pittsburg Association. Information should be sought of Miss Carrie B. Wilson, 1004 Champlain Building, 126 State Street, Chicago.

Another candidate for the ministry in the Methodist Church has refused to answer the question, "Do you promise to abstain from the use of tobacco?" That question is put to all seeking to enter the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This candidate, Mr. Dillon Bronson, refused to answer the same question a year ago. He did say, however, "I have never been a user of tobacco in any form; neither do I ever expect to be," and this answer was received instead of the pledge. Bishop Merrill, in speaking of the matter, plainly indicated his opinion that the question was one which had perhaps better be unasked.

How little even wide denominational differences count for among men who are more earnest for realities than for appearances! In a delightful letter in the "Evangelist," entitled "Two Old Boys Comparing Notes," Dr. Field pays a fine tribute to Edward Everett Hale; but Dr. Field is a Presbyterian and Dr. Hale is a Unitarian. In one sentence Dr. Field says of his friend, "He has never been false to the truth, nor false to himself." We may well believe the statement to be absolutely true, and yet it is not such a statement as is usually heard when Presbyterians speak of Unitarians. After all, is not a good man more than his creed, whatever his creed may be?

In the death of the Rev. Robert Payne Smith, D.D., Dean of Canterbury, the Anglican Church has lost one of its ablest scholars and noblest men. He was widely read in the early literature of the Church, and shortly before his death was engaged in concluding a Syriac Lexicon which for many years he had been preparing for the Oxford Press. In 1869 he was the Bampton lecturer, his subject being "Prophecy as a Preparation for Christ." He had written several commentaries. It will be remembered by many that he was in attendance at the Evangelical Alliance held in New York in 1873, and that he, as well as Bishop Cummings, took part in the communion service in the Madison Square Church, which service led to the formation of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

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